Sl. No.	Name of the State/U.T.	No. of stations	Approximate Aggregate Capacity (kw)
7	Andhra Pradesh	3	11,350
8	D.V.C.	1	4,000
9	Sikkim	3	3,296
10	West Bengal	7	19,908
11	Assam	1	2,000
12	Manipur	3	2,400
13	Meghalaya	2	12,710
14	Nagaland	1	1,500
15	Tripura	3	16,010
16	Arunachal Pradesh	24	13,420
17	Mizoram	1	1,000
18	Neepco	1	6

Tripura basin emerging as a major on-shore gas field

*26. SHRI RAMANARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tripura Basin is emerging as a major on-shore gas field of the country, if so, what steps Government have taken to utilise this gas;

(b) whether there is any joint sector scheme for setting up a gas based fertilizer project there for the optimum use of this gas; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Exploration efforts have resulted in the discovery of substantial natural gas reserves in four major structures in Tripura. The total recoverable reserves of natural gas are estimated at about 2826 million cubic metres as on 1-1-87.

0.13 MMCMD gas has already been committed to Tripura State Electricity Board against which 0.06 to 0.065 MMCMD gas is being supplied at present. 1.0 MMCMD gas for a fertilizer plant, 0.75 MMCMD gas for a gas based power plant at Rokhia and 0.02 MMCMD gas for Agartala Municipality has also been committed. Efforts are underway to locate prospective users of gas.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Gas from Krishna Godavari Basin

*27 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which gas will be supplied to the industrial units from Krishna Godavary basin in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the total quantity of gas estimated to be available in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Gas supplies to industrial units in Andhra Pradesh are expected to commence by the end of this calender year.

(b) Initially, infrastructural facilities are being created to supply 0.15 million cubic meters of gas per day; this can be stepped up to 1.0 million cubic meters per day by the end of the 7th Plan.

Issue of industrial licences in violation of mandatory provisions

*28. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports regarding the issue of industrial licences by the various State Industrial Development Corporations in violation of the mandatory provisions of the law, by waiving off the perofframence guarantee deposits and other requirements;

(b) whether Government have also seen the press reports that in some cases undue favours were shown in the matter of allotment of licences by these corporations;

(c) if so, whether Government have the power to revoke the allotment of such licences and to issue them directly, by-passing the State Corporations; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, the Industrial Licences can be granted only by the Central Government in respect of the industries enumerated in the First schedule of Act. Letters of intent granted by the Central Govt. to State Industrial Development Corporation (SIDCs) carry a condition that in case the SIDC wants to implement the project in the joint sector, it shall ensure fulfilment of certain guidelines regarding association of MRTP|FERA companies as co-promoters, the share-holding pattern and disinvestment of equity by the SIDC. In case of any deviation from these guidelines, approval of Central Government is required. Letters of intent are converted into Industrial Licences only after fulfilment of the conditions specified in the letters of intent. The SIDCs are however, free to have their own procedures for the selection of co-promoters.

(b) Government have seen some press reports in this regard.

(c) and (d) An Industrial Licence can be revoked by the Central Government if it is satisfied that the licensee has failed without reasonable cause to establish the undertaking steps to establish the undertaking within the time specified therefor.

Identification of no industry area

*29. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert committee set up by the Government to review the existing incentive schemes for industrialisation of backward areas in the country had recommended that 'taluka' in place of 'district' be considered as the unit for identification of no industry areas for accelerated industrial development in the backward areas;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the other recommendations made by the expert committee; and

(c) what decision has been taken by Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The report of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to review and revise the Incentive Scheme for industrialisation of backward areas is still under consideration of the Government.